

## Memorandum

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To.....

Subject Improvements and/or Additions to  
Identi-Kit

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As you know, I try to periodically contact my operators to inquire of them what recommendations they may have for improvements in the Identi-Kit.

As a result of my last reports, I have been able to construct a fairly representative cross section of opinion for additional refinements of the Identi-Kit. Following is a list and breakdown of these recommendations, all of which I personally concur with and feel would increase the ultimate efficiency of the Identi-Kit.

**NOSES:** There definitely has to be added to the nose selections at least two new slides and a "clean up" of N-30. Noses to be added would be a long, thin nose, with perhaps two long, thin type noses added. One where the extremity of the nose gives the subject a small upper lip and one where the nose is thin but not necessarily so long. The other type nose sorely needed is what is commonly referred to as a "hooked" nose or Jewish type nose.

N-30 is consistently complained about because of the unnecessary shading appearing thereon. It is our feeling that the nose is a good standard full nose, but the shadowing is never appealing or acceptable to witnesses. Consequently, I feel that this shading must be removed from N-30 and a new nose slide added without the shading.

**LIPS:** My survey reveals that in all too many cases the following lip slides are not acceptable to witnesses because of what they claim to be "unnecessary" shading or expressions around the lips themselves. L2, L6, L12, L13, L16, L17.

It is our feeling that new lip slides should be prepared wherein all lines and expression lines around these six sets of lips be removed. In other words, it leaves these six slides in the Identi-Kit but adds six new lip slides with all lines removed.

**HAIR:** The most persistent complaints regarding hair lines have to do with lack of "young appearing" hair lines. I have requests for hair lines where growth of hair is quite apparent on the side of the head and more forward than in a matured person. Also, more light or white appearing hair selections.

**EYE BROWS:** The most persistent complaints regarding eye brows are that a majority of them are much too heavy, also that there are insufficient light and straight eye brows. Regarding this, I concur heartily.

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**EYES:** I have received several complaints from operators about eyes and this complaint is identical with the complaint registered against the six lip slides, here and above reported. It is their feeling that the size and shape of the eyes in many instances are acceptable to the witnesses, but that when the slide is laid down, there is, in many instances, too much line work around the eyes themselves. I feel a little research with the slides could result in the same type of refinement as related above regarding lips.

In connection with the above recommendations, I have accumulated several mug shots wherein selections of noses, hair lines and eye brows might be made. These mugs are in my possession should you want to go over with me the best selections in order to satisfy the complaints I have received.

Unfortunately, as anxious as I am for these refinements and improvements to be made, the pressure of other duties, I feel, will preclude any of these changes before the next six or eight months. With the scheduling of new schools and the dissemination of knowledge available to new areas, I must, of necessity, put this off until these requirements have more fully been explored.

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